WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

A method for enabling cellular instant messaging comprising:
 receiving a telemetry message that indicates the availability on a cellular network of a
 first cellular phone;

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storing information regarding the first cellular phone in an instant messaging database, wherein the information comprises a buddy list; and

transmitting a browser alert to one or more relevant buddies identified in the buddy

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2. The method of claim 1 wherein the telemetry message is a remote feature activation message.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the telemetry message is a registration notification message.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the telemetry message further indicates that a cellular phone has been powered on.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the instant messaging database is maintained by an instant messaging partner.

- 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the information further comprises a customer's profile for the cellular phone.
- 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise

 5 one or more cellular phones that have the first cellular phone on the buddy list.
 - 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise buddies on the first cellular phone's buddy list.
 - 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise computers connected to the Internet.
 - 10. The method of claim 1 further comprising utilizing a short message service to deliver text messages using the cellular phone.
 - A method for enabling cellular instant messaging comprising:

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transmitting, from a first cellular phone, a telemetry message that indicates the first cellular phone's availability on a cellular network;

receiving a browser alert, on the first cellular phone, indicating availability of buddies

on a buddy list of the first cellular phone.

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		activation me	ssage.
		13.	The method of claim 11 wherein the telemetry message is a registration
	5	notification m	nessage.
		14.	The method of claim 11 wherein the telemetry message is transmitted when
5 C	B	the first cellul	ar phone is powered on.
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		(a)	an instant messaging database configured to maintain information regarding
		a first cellular	phone, wherein the information comprises a buddy list;
		(b)	a cellular network; and
		(b)	a server configured to:
	15		(i) receive a telemetry message from a cellular phone that
			indicates the availability of the first cellular phone on the cellular network;
			and
			(ii) transmit a browser alert to one or more relevant buddies
•			identified in the buddy list.

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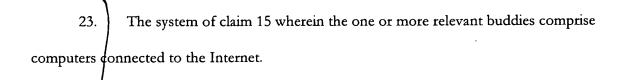
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The system of claim 15 wherein the telemetry message is a remote feature

- 17. The system of claim 15 wherein the telemetry message is a registration notification message.
- 18. The system of claim 15 wherein the telemetry message further indicates that a cellular phone has been powered on.
- 19. The system of claim 15 further comprising an instant messaging partner that is configured to maintain the instant messaging database.
- 20. The system of claim 15 wherein the information further comprises a customer's profile for the cellular phone.
- The system of claim 15 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise 21. one or more cellular phones that have the first cellular phone on the buddy list.
- 22. The system of claim 15 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise buddies on the first cellular phone's buddy list. 20

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The system of claim 15 wherein the server is further configured to utilize a short message service to deliver text messages using the cellular phone.

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A system for enabling cellular instant messaging comprising a first cellular phone configured to:

transmit a telemetry message that indicates the first cellular phone's availability on a

10 cellular network;

receive a browser alert indicating availability of buddies on a buddy list of the first cellular phone.

26. The system of claim 25 wherein the telemetry message is a remote feature activation message.

27. The system of claim 25 wherein the telemetry message is a registration

notification message.

28. The system of claim 25 wherein the telemetry message is transmitted when the first cellular phone is powered on.

An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer hardware device and embodying one or more instructions executable by the computer hardware device to perform a method for enabling cellular instant messaging, the method comprising:

receiving a telemetry message that indicates the availability on a cellular network of a first cellular phone;

storing information regarding the first cellular phone in an instant messaging database, wherein the information comprises a buddy list; and

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30. The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the telemetry message is a remote feature activation message.

31. The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the telemetry message is a registration notification message.

32. The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the telemetry message further indicates that a cellular phone has been powered on.



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- 33. The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the instant messaging database is maintained by an instant messaging partner.
- 34. The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the information further comprises a customer's profile for the cellular phone.
 - 35. The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise one or more cellular phones that have the first cellular phone on the buddy list.
 - 36. The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise buddies on the first cellular phone's buddy list.
 - The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise computers connected to the Internet.
 - 38. The article of manufacture of claim 29, the method further comprising utilizing a short message service to deliver text messages using the cellular phone.

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An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer hardware device and embodying one or more instructions executable by the computer hardware device to perform a method for enabling cellular instant messaging, the method comprising:

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transmitting, from a first cellular phone, a telemetry message that indicates the first cellular phone's availability on a cellular network;

receiving a browser alert, on the first cellular phone, indicating availability of buddies on a buddy list of the first cellular phone.

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41. The article of manufacture of claim 39 wherein the telemetry message is a registration notification message.

42. The article of manufacture of claim 39 wherein the telemetry message is transmitted when the first cellular phone is powered on.

